

# WHY DO I NEED...

# A Mass Transit Account (Commuter Benefit Plan)?



### WHAT IS IT?

A Mass Transit Account is one of two accounts under a Commuter Benefit Plan, which allows you to set aside money from your paycheck before taxes to use for work-related mass transit expenses.



#### WHAT IS IT USED FOR?

You can use a Mass Transit Account to pay for any portion of your workplace commute where you take mass transit. This may include subways, buses, ferries, trains, and vanpools. However, you cannot use a mass transit account to pay for taxis, tolls, or carpools.



#### **HOW DO I SAVE MONEY?**

You can look at your savings on a monthly basis. The money in your mass transit account is tax-free (up to the monthly limits).

#### TAX SAVINGS EXAMPLE

Your monthly train ticket is \$200. Your tax rate is 30%. You save \$60 a month (\$720 a year).\*

# **EXAMPLE SAVINGS CALCULATION**

\$200/month x 30% tax rate = \$60/month x 12 months = \$720/year in savings\*

#### CALCULATE YOUR SAVINGS

Monthly Election x Tax Rate = Monthly Savings x 12 = Annual Savings

 $\hbox{``For illustration purposes only. Individual tax rates and maximum limits apply.}$ 

# WHY DO I NEED THIS PLAN?

A Mass Transit Account is a great way to save money on your daily commute. Depending on your tax rate, you could save between \$50 to \$100 each month. Enrollment is open year-round for this account. Ask your benefits representative about how to enroll. If you have workplace parking expenses, you can also look into enrolling separately in a parking account.

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